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SUBJ: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SUMMARY: PROGRAM COMMITTEE APPROVED COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR AMERICAS (\$9.96 MILLION PLUS \$0.7 MILLION HONDURAS SPECIAL PROGRAM); EAST AFRICA (\$8.242 MILLION PLUS SPECIAL PROGRAMS ETHIOPIA/\$2.2 MIL./, MOZAMBIQUE/\$1.2 MIL./, SOMALIA/\$2 MIL./; NIGERIA AND GHANA (\$0.12 MIL); USSR OPPOSED CHILE PROGRAM AND INSISTED ON VOTE IN WHICH AMERICAS PROGRAMS APPROVED 18(US)-5-4. RECURRING THEMES IN GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE ON COUNTRY PROGRAMS WERE NEED FOR COORDINATION WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES AND BILATERAL DONORS; GREAT INTEREST IN NUTRITION PROGRAMS, WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES, EVALUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. AMERICAS - DEBATE HIGHLIGHTED BY SOVIET OPPOSITION TO \$180,000 PROJECT IN CHILE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT STUDIES OF VARIOUS ASPECTS CONCERNING CHILDREN (EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, LABOR SITUATION, FOOD AND NUTRITION, ETC.) IN PREPARATION FOR FURMLATING A NATIONAL POLICY. SOVIET DELEGATE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONDEMNED "ANTI-HUMINTARIAN" CHILE GOVERNMENT AND

ATTACKED PROJECT ON GROUNDS IT WOULD SUPPORT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CONSULTANTS RATHER THAN HUNGRY CHILDREN. CUBA JOINED IN ATTACK ON "FASCIST JUNTA" AND ACCUSED CHILE GOVERNMENT OF PUTTING CHILDREN OF "LEFTISTS" INTO CAMPS OR OTHERWISE SEPARATING THEM FROM THEIR PARENTS AS DONE IN CASE OF ONE CHILE. CHILE DELEGATE RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS: REGREST INTRODUCTION OF POLITICS INTO UNICEF; PROPOSED PROJECT WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BENEFIT OF CHILDREN; CHILD MENTIONED BY CUBAN DELEGATE GIVEN SAFE PASSAGE FROM CHILE AT REQUEST OF COLOMBIAN EMBASSY AND NOW IN COLOMBIA; CHILE HAS CLEAR RECORD ON CARE OF CHILDREN AND REJECTS ADVICE OF COUNTRIES WITH OTHER RECORDS INCLUDING RECORDS OF CAMPS. AT END OF DEBATE ON AMERICAS, CHAIRMAN (LUTHRA - INDIA) ASKED FOR ROUTINE APPROVAL ALL COUNTRY PROGRAMS IN REGION. USSR INSISTED ON VOTE (FYI - THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED IN RECENT UNICEF HISTORY). SHOW OF HANDS VOTE WAS 18(US)-5, (USSR, POLAND, BULGARIA, CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA)-4 (SWEDEN, FINLAND, PAKISTAN, CONGO). SECRETARIAT ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED ONLY 4 COUNTRIES VOTING AGAINST.

2. DELEGATES SHOWED MAJOR INTEREST AMERICAS REGION IN \$1.5 MILLION PROJECT FOR PUNO AREA OF PERU DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, HEALTH SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN NUTRITION AND FOOD PRODUCTION; ALSO IN \$1.1 MILLION BASIC EDUCATION SERVICES PROJECT FOR GUATEMALA. BOTH REGARDED AS INNOVATIVE WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. GHANA AND NIGERIA - REGIONAL DIRECTOR ACKNOWLEDGED BOTH COUNTRIES NOT AMONG NEEDIEST. THIS IS PARTICULARLY CASE WHERE UNICEF STRATEGY NOW IS TO HAVE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FINANCE MOST HARDWARE. UNICEF ALSO PRESSING FOR REASSESSMENT OF TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS WITH INCREASED ATTENTION TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN. MUCH INTEREST IN GHANA CONTINUATION SCHOOLS PROJECT AND NEW NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN, AS REFLECTING GREATER EMPHASIS ON DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION.

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4. FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES - SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON CONTINUING WORK WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN TRANSITIONAL PHASE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND WITH GUINEA-BISSAU GOVERNMENT. SPECIAL PROGRAMS DEVELOPED FOR ANGOLA (\$600,000), CAPE VERDE ISLANDS (\$200,000), GUINEA-BISSAU (\$300,000), AND MOZAMBIQUE (\$1.2 MIL). STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM CONGO, RWANDA AND SWEDEN. LATTER ANNOUNCED NEW \$10-12.5 MILLION

BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR GUINEA-BISSAU AND MOZAMBIQUE. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE (DYAL) REPORTED 100,000 REFUGEES FROM FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES HAD BEEN ASSISTED BY UNHCR AND UNICEF. UNHCR HAS AN \$11 MILLION PROGRAM FOR THESE REFUGEES AND IS NOW TURNING ITS ATTENTION TO EXPECTED LARGE - SCALE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, SECRETARIAT STATED IT EXPECTED TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM PROGRAMS AS SOON AS PRESENT TRANSITIONAL AND EMERGENCY PHASE HAS PASSED.

5. EAST AFRICA- REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTED BY UNICEF FILM ON SOMALIA DROUGHT AND SWEDISH TV DOCUMENTARY ON ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT. SWEDISH FILM PARTICULARLY GRAPHIC AND BOTH ELICITED MUCH SYMPATHETIC COMMENT AND BOLSERED APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ETHIOPIA (\$2.2 MILLION) AND SOMALIA (\$2 MILLION). REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTED ON JOINT UNICEF-AID EFFORT TO DEVELOP EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR ETHIOPIA; SLIGHT COMPLAINTS REGISTERED THAT 4 FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES OF REGION NOT GETTING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION AND FRANCE QUESTIONED UNICEF INVOLVEMENT IN LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE, AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TRAINING. SECRETARIAT (DR. EGGER) REPLIED THAT SINCE UNICEF'S EARLY INVOLVEMENT IN WATER SUPPLY, IBRD AND UNDP HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO TAKE AN INTEREST AND THAT ACCORDINGLY IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE AT NEXT BOARD MEETING TO REFINES UNICEF'S POSITION IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO US COMMENT, REGIONAL DIRECTOR STATED THERE WAS AS YET INSUFFICIENT INTEREST IN FAMILY PLANNING AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, ONLY FIVE OF WHICH (OUT OF 11) HAD FAMILY PROGRAMS.

6. NORTH AFRICA - REGIONAL DIRECTOR STATED THAT UNICEF INVOLVEMENT IN ALGERIA WOULD BE REDUCED, BUT THAT MOROCCO UNCLAS#YNYI47MN,"S79@-YJ\$KK0\*4EP\$> CRP!MV)\*  
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